

ADULT SPORTS

YOUTH SPORTS

SHARING THE ROAD WITH BICYCLISTS
RULES OF THE ROAD



BICYCLISTS AND MOTORISTS ARE equally responsible for bicycle safety. Motorist behaviors, such as inattention and distraction, attribute to about one-half of all bicycle-motor vehicle collisions. The other half is attributed to bicyclist behaviors, such as disregarding a traffic control sign or signal. The Minnesota Department of Transportation and the State Bicycle Advisory Committee present eight rules of the road that can make bicycling more safe and enjoyable for everyone.

- 1 According to Minnesota law, bicyclists may ride on all Minnesota roads, except where restricted.
- 2 When riding on the road, bicyclists must ride in the same direction as traffic.
- 3 Motorists must at all times maintain a three-foot clearance when passing a bicyclist.
- 4 Bicyclists must obey all traffic control signs and signals, just as motorists do.
- 5 Motorists and bicyclists must yield the right-of-way to each other.
- 6 Bicyclists should signal their turns and should ride in a predictable manner.
- 7 Lights and reflectors are required at night.
- 8 Bicyclists should always wear helmets.

Source: Minnesota Department of Transportation

RECREATIONAL FIRES
BE COURTEOUS – BE SAFE

BEFORE YOU LIGHT A FIRE IN THE backyard, be sure you are following City ordinances and being courteous to your neighbors. A recreational fire used for cooking, warming or ceremonial purposes cannot be more than three feet in diameter and two feet high. Light the fire after 7 a.m. and douse it before midnight. These fires must be 25 feet from any property line, structure or combustible material.

If winds are greater than 10 miles per hour, no recreational fire should be started or continued. Check wind direction so the smoke does not negatively impact your neighbors.

For more information, visit the City’s Web site at www.ci.bloomington.mn.us, keywords: Recreational fires, or call Fire Prevention at 952-563-8933.

WOMEN’S AND CO-REC VOLLEYBALL

LEAGUES ARE HELD MONDAY THROUGH Friday beginning **Monday, October 15**, and continuing through mid-March. Cost is \$475 resident and \$530 nonresident. For more information, call Parks and Recreation.



SPORTS HALL OF FAME
BLOOMINGTON ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
SALUTES VOLUNTEERS

EACH YEAR, BLOOMINGTON ATHLETIC Association inducts one or more persons into the Sports Hall of Fame. The award honors men and women who have contributed their time and energy to the growth of amateur sports.

When: Thursday, October 11.

Where: Knights of Columbus Hall, 1114 W. 79th St.

For more information, call Dan Wallerus at 952-884-6675.

CONTACT PARKS AND RECREATION AT 952-563-8877 FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE ACTIVITIES.

AR&LE

THE ADAPTIVE RECREATION & LEARNING Exchange (AR&LE) provides opportunities for individuals with disabilities living in Bloomington, Eden Prairie, Edina and Richfield to participate in recreational and educational programs that are specially designed to meet varied ability levels. For more information, call Parks and Recreation.

GARDENS IN BLOOM
FLOWERS PAINT CITY’S GOLF COURSES WITH COLOR

THE CITY’S GOLF COURSES, DWAN AND Hyland Greens, welcome about 90,000 players during the 210-day golf season. Dwan is one of the busiest 18-hole public courses in Minnesota. According to Golf Course Manager Rick Sitek, with so many visitors, it is important that the golf courses present a positive image of the City.

“We make the golf courses look as attractive as other courses,” Sitek said. “Our goal is to give people who play here a country-club atmosphere on a public course.”



Flowers beautify the well-maintained courses. In addition to the course’s many perennials, close to 11,000 annuals are planted at Dwan and Hyland Greens each year. It takes staff two weeks to get the beds ready and two weeks to plant the flowers that are all in the ground by Memorial Day.

The City’s seasonal maintenance workers Mary Claire Relf, *below left*, and Linda White plant and maintain the flowers. At the end of each season, they discuss what they will order and plant the following spring. Relf said she likes to change the flowers around to see what looks good.

“I just love to experiment,” Relf said. “After I plant the flowers, it’s always a ‘wait and see’ kind of thing.”

The color starts to peak in July. But it is in September, right before the frost, when the plants are at their absolute best.



Relf draws her experience from working in her own garden for 30 years.

“I love this job and the fresh air,” Relf said. “When we leave our jobs we’re tired, but I never get tired of the compliments we receive on the flowers. It’s wonderful.”

For information about the City’s golf courses, call 952-563-8702 or visit the City’s Web site at www.ci.bloomington.mn.us, key words: Golf course.

2007 GENERAL ELECTION – VOTE NOVEMBER 6
ELECTION FOR MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL AND SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICES

THE CANDIDATE FILING PERIOD CLOSED on Tuesday, July 17. The following candidates have filed for City office:

Mayor

Jeff Andrews
Gene Winstead

Councilmember At Large

Amy Darr Grady
Ray Heinonen

Councilmember District III

Steve Elkins

Councilmember District IV

Carlan Lesch
Vern Wilcox

No primary election will be conducted. A primary election is only required for any City office for which there are more than two candidates.

For more voting and election information, visit the City’s Web site at www.ci.bloomington.mn.us, keyword: Voting, or call 952-563-8729. Look for more detailed election information in the October *Briefing*.

HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE

To vote, you must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years old, a Minnesota

resident for at least 20 days on election day and properly registered.

To pre-register – At least 20 days before the election day, complete a Voter Registration Application, available at most government offices, public libraries or on the Secretary of State’s Web site <http://www.sos.state.mn.us>.

You may register in person or mail the application to the Bloomington City Clerk or Hennepin County Voter Registration Office.

You must re-register if:

- Your name or address changes.
- You have not voted in four years.

To register at the polling place on election day – One of the following must be provided as proof of residence:

- Valid Minnesota driver’s license, learner’s permit or receipt of either with current address located in precinct.
- Valid Minnesota I.D. or receipt with current address located in precinct.
- A registered voter in the precinct who can vouch for you.
- Registration in the same precinct indicating a previous address.
- Mailed notice from the Registration Office indicating late registration.

NEW POLLING SITE
PRECINCT 4 CHANGE

Voters in Precinct 4 will be voting at a new location this year. Precinct 4 is the area from I-494 to 86th Street between Lyndale and Portland Avenues. Voters who formerly voted at Emmaus Lutheran Church, 8443 2nd Ave. S., will now vote at Unity South Church, 7950 1st Ave. S.



- A tribal I.D. with name, address, signature and picture of the individual.
- Students can show their address in the precinct by using a current fee statement and an I.D. card.
- Voters may also register using a combination of one photo ID and one approved utility bill.

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